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# AAFES employee awarded medal

By Master Sgt. Dominique Brown  
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

An Army and Air Force Exchange Service associate assigned here was recently recognized for her heroism while serving in Iraq. Rebecca Pember, a logistics operations manager at the AAFES Pacific Traffic Center, was awarded the Defense of Freedom Medal here Jan. 12. The medal is the civilian equivalent of the military's Purple Heart. Ms. Pember was awarded the medal for sustaining injuries during two separate enemy attacks on or near AAFES facilities. The first attack occurred Jan 29, 2004 while Pember was performing her job near Baghdad International Airport preparing merchandise for troops at various locations throughout the theatre. The AAFES main store there was hit by a mortar attack.

"I got hit with shrapnel in the mouth and chin," she said. "I actually thought I had gotten away unscathed. I was more concerned about the people around me who were hurt so I ran to the site of the explosion to help out." She received two months of complex oral surgery, and after sixteen dental bridges and numerous plates she was back in theater. On April 12, 2004, less than three weeks after her arrival there, Pember became the victim of another attack. A nearby blast sent chunks of concrete through the air where she was working at Balad Air Base. One of the chunks hit her on the head and threw her back. She sustained head and neck injuries to include a scalp wound resulting from the force of the blow. Ms. Pember checked out of the hospital the next day and went back to work.

Col. A. Michelle Gardner-Ince, AAFES Pacific Region commander, presented the award to Ms. Pember. "I was very honored to present her the award and commend her valor," she said. "After being injured twice she bounced back with a beautiful spirit."

Ms. Pember said, "I would go back tomorrow if they would let me, but I am assigned here until July 2007."



photo by Master Sgt. Donovan Potter

Rebecca Pember and Col. A. Michelle Gardner-Ince, AAFES Pacific Region commander



photo by Master Sgt. Val Gempis

## Maintenance keeps Hercs flying high

Airman 1st Class Daniel Arrington checks a C-130 Hercules brake assembly carrier here. The pneumatics element Airmen, from the 374th Maintenance Squadron, overhaul, modify and test all pneumatics components of C-130s assigned and in-transit. The 374th Airlift Wing has 13 C-130s assigned and serves as the forward-based tactical airlift wing in the Pacific.

# Air Force Space Command commander visits base

By Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik  
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The commander of Air Force Space Command arrived in Japan Jan. 11, as part of a tour with several Pacific Air Forces bases. He visited with leaders from the wing, U.S. Forces Japan/5th Air Force and Japanese defense officials.

During his visit, General Lance Lord spoke about the mission and role of space-based operations and how they impact the daily lives of Airmen around the world.

"I think as part of the team of space and missile professionals we need to come to the field and visit the folks in the Pacific," said General Lord. "I want to reinforce how important space is to support all our operations."

General Lord explained how important the working relationship is with the Japanese Air Self Defense Force and how Air Force Space Command supports the relationship.

"I want to make sure Lt. Gen. [Bruce] Wright and his team, as they work with their tremendous counterparts in the JASDF, are able to continue working together as a team. That relationship has never been more important than it is today and I want to make sure they are getting everything they can out of our space-based capabilities," said the general. "We are with them 24/7/365 and we want to

support their operations. What we do from Colorado Springs and Vandenberg Air Force Base, and throughout the space business, is focused on support to the military commanders everywhere. Not just in the Air Force, but our coalition partners and allies and friends, and I want to make sure things are working well for them. That's why I'm here."

General Lord took time to explain how the space mission affects all Air Force members, even at Yokota Air Base.

"For many people space is transparent. You don't see satellites flying over, and you don't see the day-to-day impacts like you see aircraft on the flightline or people in that business, so it's real easy to take space for granted," said the general. "Just about everything we do militarily and economically is connected to space."

"Communications, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, missile warning, and perhaps most important, the Global Positioning System with position, navigation and time capabilities. Everything we do is affected some way by space and we want to make sure what we're doing day-to-day operationally with our space systems supports the real needs of General Wright and his team here in Japan."

The general also shared his views on what the future holds for space operations.

"I think the Air Force has embraced space in a grand way. As I've said many

times, space is not the birthright of the Air Force or the birthright of any service, but if we really work hard to exploit the capabilities to the best of our ability then we can chart the course for the future," said General Lord. "I think we will continue to improve in our missile-warning satellites, position, navigation and timing. Communications that come from space will be improved and therefore, the combat capabilities and the effects we can generate will be improved for all who work for the U.S. military."

The general also explained how Air Force Space Command benefits the Pacific theater of operations.

"I have the commander of 14th Air Force at Vandenberg, who also serves the commander of Joint Space Operations, traveling with me. And what he does for all of the space business is bring the Army, Navy, Air Force space capabilities together and offer them forward to the theaters," said General Lord. "All the things that make our capability more effective are brought forward and offered up through 14th AF and Joint Space Operations. We do that for Pacific Command, European Command, Southern Command, and all other commands through our 14th AF component in support of Strategic Command, whose overall mission is to support all the area commanders with space and missile capabilities."

ORI countdown: 51 days



## Operations group commander deploys to Iraq in support of AEF 9/10

By Tech. Sgt. Paul Dean

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

ALI BASE, Iraq — Col. Kevin Kilb assumed command of the 407th Air Expeditionary Group from Col. Don Palandech recently. The flag was passed by Brig. Gen. Frank Gorenc, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, Balad Air Base, Iraq.

After thanking the general and Colonel Palandech, Colonel Kilb addressed each of the Coalition partners in attendance at the ceremony. He assured them that relationships and successes of Air and Space Expeditionary Force rotation 7/8 would continue to strengthen and grow and AEF 9/10 will continue to deliver mission success as part of the objectives of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Colonel Kilb is deployed from Yokota Air Base, Japan, where he is the commander

of the 374th Operations Group.

Colonel Palandech is deployed from Ramstein Air Base, Germany, where he is the deputy inspector general of United States Air Forces in Europe. He will return to Ramstein.

Colonel Kilb is assuming command during an exciting time at Ali Base. The Iraqi air force Squadron 23 (Transport) is scheduled to move to their permanent home at New Al Muthana Air Base, Baghdad International Airport, soon.

In his position as group commander of the 374th OG, Colonel Kilb is responsible for the combat readiness of three operational squadrons flying C-130E, C-21A and UH-1N aircraft. The operations group has two distinct missions: dedicated intratheater airlift and distinguished visitor transport.

"I've been spying on the 407th [AEG]

for a couple of months now. I've been keeping up with the news in the Ali Times and know the caliber of Airmen deployed here.

"If you are still part of the Ali Team as a 7/8 Airman, then please keep doing what you've been doing, transfer your knowledge and spirit to your replacements, and keep safe until you get on your plane home. If you are coming in on 9/10, you've had a chance to meet the men and women of 7/8 and learn from their successes.

"Let me take away any apprehension you have about how we will move forward during AEF 9/10: Bring you're 'A-Game'... in short, we will protect the base, sustain the force and remain flexible," said Colonel Kilb.

The colonel has held several command, planning, examination and safety positions. He has logged more than 3,500 hours in tanker, airlift and trainer aircraft.



photo by Senior Airman Jennifer Haas

**The 407th Air Expeditionary Group guidon is passed to the new group commander, Col. Kevin Kilb, by 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander, Brig. Gen. Frank Gorenc during a change of command ceremony.**

## DOD: improved armored vests reflect changing enemy tactics

### Body armour designed to be used by infantry, truckers, all military troops

By Gerry Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — U.S. military members serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other dangerous areas will soon receive revamped armored vests that provide more side protection.

The vest changes are designed to prove effective in protecting servicemembers from shrapnel fragments, especially those who operate gun turrets atop vehicles,

said Army Maj. Gen. Steven Speaks, the Army's director of force development.

"What we're seeing, obviously, is continuing evolutions in the nature of the threat that we face," General Speaks said. The shrapnel-producing improvised explosive devices and other terrorist weapons encountered by U.S. forces in Iraq have prompted changes in servicemembers' armored vests, he said.

Stepped improvements to ar-

mored vests are the result of continual adaptation in response to constantly changing enemy tactics, General Speaks said.

He countered media reports that the U.S. military is behind the power curve in providing appropriate force protection gear for troops deployed in the global war against terrorism.

"Those headlines entirely miss the point," General Speaks said. The effort to improve body armor "has been a programmatic effort in the case of the Army that has gone on with great intensity for the last five months."

The enhanced vests are designed so infantrymen, truckers or troops in any military occupational

specialty can use them, General Speaks said.

The improved vests should be fielded to servicemembers sometime this spring, General Speaks said.

"The protection of Soldiers is our No. 1 mission," he said. "Continuous evolution of this protection is absolutely essential."

It's equally important to take servicemembers' needs into account when designing force-protection equipment, said Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Sorenson, the Army's acquisition chief.

For example, heavy, bulky armor can compromise a servicemember's need to move quickly

during combat conditions, General Sorenson said, as well as tax physical endurance.

He said providing better armored vests for servicemembers represents just one portion of military force-protection capabilities.

"We've (also) done the armoring of the vehicles," General Sorenson said. The U.S. military, he added, also has developed and fielded electronic countermeasures to find and defeat IEDs.

"All these are generated to try to improve a Soldier's ability to be better protected with respect to force protection," General Sorenson said.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

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**Service demographics offer snapshot of force:** RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — The Air Force Personnel Center here recently published its quarterly demographics report offering a snapshot of the service's active-duty and civilian force, as of Dec. 31.

There are 347,398 people on active duty, of which 72,167 are officers and 275,231 are enlisted.

Visit <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/demographics>.

**Langley celebrates Raptor's initial operational capability:** LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. (AFPN) — The 1st Fighter Wing held a ceremony to celebrate the F-22A Raptor's initial operational capability. The event comes after the 27th Fighter Squadron was officially declared IOC on Dec. 15 by Gen. Ronald E. Keys, commander of Air Combat Command. The IOC proves the F-22A is mission ready. The base now has 19 Raptors.

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Exercise ‘non-players’ can expect delays, inconveniences during next week’s ORE

By Capt. Warren Comer  
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The 374th Airlift Wing has numerous exercises throughout the year to help Airmen learn their duties in a wartime or contingency environment, but many people do not participate in the exercise.

Officials here are stressing the need for exercise non-players to assist them by avoiding exercise areas or distinguishing themselves from exercise participants.

“Wing leaders know that avoiding many of the exercise zones on base is unavoidable at times, but we ask that people make every effort they can to minimize their entry into these zones, particularly during Phase II of the exercise,” said Col. Scott Goodwin, 374th AW commander. “Phase II is easily identifiable because that’s when wing Airmen will be wearing chemical warfare protective gear.”

Phase II of an Operational Readiness Exercise usually begins around mid-week, but can occur at varying times due to

the flexibility of the exercise and the uncertainty of events that exercise participants are put through.

“During Phase I, the entire base is considered the ‘exercise area,’ so there is no confusion. During Phase II, none of our exercise players will be driving privately owned vehicles inside the exercise area,” said Col. William Davidson, 374th AW inspector general.

“If you must drive your POV inside the exercise area, no special markings are required,” Colonel Davidson explained. “Use extreme caution since many personnel will be wearing chemical warfare protective gear and may not be able to see as well as they normally would. Also, you could experience delays getting back to your vehicle or getting it out of the exercise area.”

The exercises have an important role in training Airmen to respond to many different scenerios.

“Our Airmen are continually challenged during OREs to face a number of different scenarios,” said Colonel Goodwin. “Non-players can distract from proper reactions.

“Additionally, some of our customer service activities must respond to exercise scenarios as a first priority. “Non-players” could experience delays in those activities. Minimizing non-players in the exercise play area will allow Airmen to focus 100 percent on the scenarios they need to respond to.”

Colonel Davidson said service-members and civilians not participating in the exercise should wear any version of their blue uniform, service equivalent, or an orange armband around their upper right arm.

Colonel Goodwin said, “For the same reasons, we ask non-players to avoid exercise areas during the Operational Readiness Inspection. This will help our Airmen focus on their duties as well as help the PACAF Inspector General team in determining who the actual exercise participants are. The upcoming inspection isn’t just a wing effort, it’s a base-wide effort where each of us has an effect on the outcome of the exercise. Report suspicious activities, packages or personnel as you would at any time.”

Youth conduct community responsibility

By Col. Scott Goodwin  
374th Airlift Wing commander

During the past few months, the community has experienced a recent spike in the number of incidents involving misconduct by our youth. These incidents range from minor pranks to serious episodes involving shoplifting, theft and other related crimes.

The Yokota Conduct Adjudication Program (YCAP) is actively handling each of these cases and may impose one of many punishments ranging from community service to restricted privileges at Army and Air Force Exchange Services facilities, or even debarment from the base. Depending on the severity of the crime, the history of the offender, or the details of the particular situation, any or all of these punishments could apply.

While YCAP is the base’s official “arm of justice” for our youth, I’d also like to emphasize the importance of our duties as parents and adults. We live in a very small community and it’s important that we are respectful of one another and of each other’s personal property. We need to convey that message to our youth as well.

It is our job to be mindful of the current standards that are set in place to help ensure we maintain a healthy living environment. That includes knowing what the current curfews are, as well as the other restrictions that are in place such as the Bar Row restriction between 1 and 6 a.m. and the legal drinking age of 20. We need to take the time to discuss these rules and regulations with our children – to provide them the guidance and mentorship they are looking for.

Curfew hours here are from 10:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. daily for all minors. However, curfew hours on Friday, Saturday, holidays and summer break are extended to midnight to 5:30 a.m. for high school juniors and seniors. Please refer to 374 AW Instruction 31-201 Curfew and Supervision of Minors for more detailed information.

Again, whether you are a parent or an adult, it is each of our responsibility to ensure that our youth are aware of these standards and that we as adults are here to enforce them. And, we must also inform them of the consequences that exist for those who choose to disobey them. Thanks for your efforts regarding this issue.

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# PACAF commander: new year of priorities

## War on Terrorism, 'taking care of Airmen' makes top of the list

By Gen. Paul Hester  
Pacific Air Forces commander

Traditionally, a new year is a time to take stock of ourselves and make resolutions to change – to improve what we do and how we do it, to assess our priorities and to make adjustments to ensure we're on the right flight path.

Our current Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. T. Moseley, has articulated his top three priorities for 2006 very clearly, and I'd like to give you my perspective on those priorities and what they mean to our Air Force as we enter into a new year.

General Moseley's first priority is to win the War on Terrorism. At first glance, this global war may not seem like an air war, but think again. It is a war on all fronts – air, land, sea, space, and cyberspace – and you are a major asset. We are fighting a battle for the hearts and minds of literally billions of people around the world – many of them in our own backyard ... the Asia-Pacific region. We are fighting an enemy that detests the principles we hold most dear.

Today, more than ever, the United States needs people like you representing the good of our country around the globe. Whether we are providing airlift, collecting intelligence, delivering humanitarian aid, providing expeditionary forces, or simply doing our jobs at home base, wearing the uniform and representing our great nation has never been more important. Do it proudly and honorably ... the eyes of the world are on you!

General Moseley's second priority is to

ensure we're taking care of our Airmen. This means making sure we have the right people with the right training in the right jobs. Yes, some painful adjustments are

necessary as we shape the force to the congressionally authorized numbers of officers and enlisted Airmen. We also have

some overmanned career fields that will undergo some reductions while we increase our numbers in some of the most stressed AFSCs.

Again, we are involved in a long-term global war that will continue to tax our Airmen. We need to ensure we are organizing, training, and employing them as smartly as possible. Without a doubt, some of the changes are tough, but in the end, we will become a stronger and better Air Force.

General Moseley's third priority is recapitalization and modernization. The Quadrennial Defense Review results will come out in February – this will be the overarching directive of our future force structure. It likely won't contain many specifics (like numbers of aircraft), but it will form the backbone of our future budgets and force structure. The average age of our fleet is 23.5 years – and flying old airplanes is expensive. We don't necessarily need to replace our aircraft one-for-one, but we do need to modernize. The Air Force leadership, using the QDR

as a starting point, will carefully prioritize capability needs to ensure we're getting "the most bang for the buck" as we recapitalize and modernize our aging equipment.

In that regard, the Chief of Staff is thinking in terms of three portfolios: the Global Strike Task Force (fighters and bombers); Global Mobility (airlift and refueling); and Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (including Space and Cyberspace).

PACAF will be busy in all these portfolios as we work to beddown new C-17s, F-22s, and Global Hawks in the coming months and years. PACAF's C-17 era is just around the corner – our first jet will be at Hickam Feb. 8!

Winning the War on Terrorism, Taking care of our Airmen, and Modernizing our Force. Important priorities, all of them -- and necessary for our future success.

The Chief's priorities are also PACAF's priorities, and there is no better time than right now to begin the journey. From my perspective, the Chief's priorities make a perfect list of New Year's resolutions for the world's greatest Air Force!

My wife, Lynda, and I wish all of you and your families nothing but the best for 2006.

Mahalo for all you do and Happy New Year!



***"The CSAF's priorities are also PACAF's priorities, and there is no better time than right now to begin the journey."***

## Lead Airmen by inspiring core values, setting example

### Logistics Readiness commander shares vision for Samurai Country supervision

By Lt. Col. Richard Peterson  
374th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Our nation entrusts us with the leadership of its sons and daughters, during times of crisis and in peace, in carrying out our ultimate mission of defending the Constitution and democratic freedoms around the world.

Under fire, in the middle of a battlefield, it's neither the mission nor loyalty to our country that drives us to success and to ultimately survive. It's the camaraderie, professionalism and teamwork of our fellow Airmen immediately around us which give us the confidence that we'll return safe and sound to our loved ones.

Characterizing inspirational leadership in the profession of arms gives rise to three key ideas applicable to every level of supervision: determination,

selflessness and a positive attitude.

Determination is what separates the meek from leaders who make a difference. Your competence as an Airman is a direct result of perseverance and hard work. Determination leads to technical competence and this skill increases your value to your unit and to the Air Force. Your leaders expect you to constantly improve your technical skills given today's limited resources and your unit thrives on your initiative and capabilities.

Selflessness is "Service Before Self." Think of others before yourself and always remember that serving your country is one of the most selfless professions given today's demanding and dangerous environment.

One of my favorite quotes is, "What have you done for your Airmen today?" Have you

visited your Airmen lately? Have you taken time out from your busy schedule, rolled up your sleeves and put yourself in the shoes of your technicians?

Sincerity and candor are root elements of inspirational leadership. If you're truly interested in the problems your Airmen face day-to-day, then get out of your cozy office and find out. "Service Before Self" is a core value that highlights our professional culture.

Having a positive attitude enables us to move mountains and it is contagious. One of the things I like best about serving in the Air Force is our environment.

What motivates me is the positive disposition of many of our young troops. It's obvious the Air Force is recruiting our nation's most talented young men and women. When our Airmen show initiative, smile and display optimism because we can just about accomplish anything.

Equally important, is the working atmosphere leaders create. Truly knowing your

people and the conditions and environment they must endure is not an easy task. But, it's one that leaders at every level must be cognizant of. If a deficiency exists, such as an individual who constantly makes negative remarks about their organization, it must be corrected by first-line supervisors.

Having the courage to apply firm, yet fair leadership is a skill set that can be attained by all leaders. Set the example, establish and maintain standards and keep everyone focused on your expectations. Having a positive attitude on a daily basis is the first step to mission success.

What does all this mean? Determination, selflessness and positive attitude are traits that comprise inspirational leadership.

Today's Airmen are intelligent, multi-faceted, eager and ready to take on any mission. They simply need selfless and courageous leaders to lead them.



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## DUI Prevention

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# 'Outside the fence' 374th SFS sergeants work side-by-side with Army soldiers in streets of Iraq

By Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik  
374th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Imagine, as an Airman, searching door to door with Soldiers looking for insurgents, high-value targets and weapons caches in one of the most dangerous areas of Iraq.

Take a second to envision the nerve and commitment it took to continue the job after having another team in the area critically injured by an improvised explosive device only two weeks after being assigned to the unit.

Two Yokota K-9 handlers, Staff Sgts. Gerald Morey and Matthew Claxton, returned Dec. 28 after serving seven months with Soldiers from the 2-7 Infantry Division, part of the U.S. Army's 18th Airborne Corps.

"We arrived in Tikrit [Iraq] to find out we were providing K-9 support to the Army combat units of the 2-7 Infantry," said Sergeant Morey. "We are used to being a small group by nature of the job, but it was a serious task assisting the 2-7 with searching vehicles, equipment and various locations throughout the city."

Sergeant Claxton further described the role of the K-9s on Army sweep teams. "Our role was to go in after the Army initially cleared an area to sweep buildings, houses, cars or whatever looked suspicious for explosives with our dogs. Because Tikrit also has a significant number of rural areas, we were constantly sweeping farmlands and river areas for IEDs and explosive items."

The mission of the teams in Iraq was described as different than their role as defenders of the base back at Yokota.

"The first thing we noticed was the different way operations were conducted by the Army," said Sergeant Claxton. "At Yokota we provided search functions for the base to protect it, but out in the desert we were directly responsible for ensuring the security of our search teams."

During a sweep, Sergeant Morey and his German Shepherd, Louis, discovered a cache of 300 155mm mortar rounds, four 160mm mortar rounds and five crates of weapons ammunition, containing AK-47 rounds.

"It was a great feeling knowing we were able to prevent future attacks on U.S. personnel and Iraqi security forces by finding that weapons cache," said Sergeant Morey. "That is part of why I enjoy working in K-9."

While out on a different patrol, Sergeant Claxton and his Belgian Malinois, Elra, dis-

covered rocket-propelled grenades, AK-47 rifles and mortar rounds in the home of a high-value target – a person suspected in targeting coalition forces.

"When Elra sniffed out the munitions, it confirmed suspicions the Army had about that person targeting the coalition forces," said Sergeant Claxton. "The evidence discovered in their house led to their arrest and seizure of the weapons for destruction."

The security forces sergeants entire deployment didn't involve only searching for weapons caches and high-value targets, but also performing security sweeps for projects in the community.

"Matt [Claxton] performed a sweep of a new hospital in the town of Owja, south of Tikrit," said Sergeant Morey. "We also swept areas where high-ranking leaders would be speaking to ensure no explosives were in the area to threaten the speakers or guests."

Toward the end of their deployment, the two K-9 teams traveled to Balad, Iraq to provide security during the elections.

"We spent about four days checking more than 50 schools and polling sites during the elections," said Sergeant Claxton. "We were performing searches constantly, but it paid off because many Iraqis came out to vote in the elections."

Overall, during their tour in Iraq as part of the 2-7 Infantry Division, Sergeants Claxton and Morey were responsible for the arrests of nearly 140 insurgents due to discovering explosives and ammunition and several high-value targets suspected of targeting coalition forces.

"It was an eye opening experience," said Sergeant Claxton. "There were folks who were legitimately happy with us being there, but you could also tell that some people definitely didn't want us in their country. Ultimately, the work we did there saved lives and that's what matters."

After reflecting on past experiences from living and working with the Army at Camp Montith, Kosovo to his deployment to Forward Operating Base Remagen, [in Tikrit] Iraq, Sergeant Morey offered the following

advice for deploying Airmen:

"Every bit of training you receive, you need to take seriously. This includes everything you learned back at home station and on your way to the desert or wherever you travel. The Army is relying more on us to help them fill in low-manned areas so if you work with them, they need to be able to trust we'll be right there at their side willing to help them if and when the time comes."

Sergeant Claxton also mentioned another Air Force K-9 member assigned to another Army unit in Iraq and what could have happened to them at any point.

"Some people may have heard about Tech. Sgt. [Jamie] Dana and her dog Rex, who were seriously injured by an IED exploding underneath the Humvee they were riding in," said Sergeant Claxton. "She was injured only two weeks after we arrived in country and that really opens your eyes to what can happen. Any time we needed to travel somewhere or pick up some supplies at a base exchange, since our forward operating base didn't have one, we had to weigh the risks of an IED or attack before we left."

"Every Airman who goes to Balad, Kirkuk,

Baghdad International Airport, on convoys or foot patrols need to keep in mind that mortar or other attacks happen every day – it just doesn't always make the news."

Sergeant Morey added, "Every Airman needs to be prepared for the worst – listen to what people tell you to do. Being arrogant can lead to you or your teammates becoming a casualty. Also, keep in mind that you could be attached to other units like we were. In those cases you'll stay there until your relief arrives."

Sergeant Morey also mentioned how the squadron took care of his family while he was deployed.

"Master Sgt. Kevin Wolfe, our first sergeant, made sure my wife was able to take care of our daughter while she was working [as a full-time military member] and the unit leadership made sure my daughter's birthday was celebrated while I was gone," said Sergeant Morey. "It really helped knowing my family was taken care of back home."

Think back to the "good old days" when most Air Force members never had to spend much time worrying about what happens off base and take another minute thinking about Airmen serving "outside the fence."



photo by Staff Sgt. Karen J. Tomasik

**Staff Sgt. Gerald Morey (left) kneels with his German Shepherd, Louis while Staff Sgt. Matthew Claxton (right) kneels with his Belgian Malinois, Elsa during a photo Jan. 5 at the K-9 kennels. The 374th Security Forces Squadron handlers returned from a seven-month deployment to Tikrit, Iraq attached to the U.S. Army's 2-7 Infantry Division, part of the 18th Airborne**

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## Off base

**Yokota and Mizuho Town Friendship Concert:** This annual concert is scheduled for Feb. 5 at the Mizuho Viewpark Skyhall beginning at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

**Noh performance:** The Akishima Civic Hall is hosting a Noh performance, a traditional Japanese play with beautifully-decorated masks, on Feb. 11 beginning at 6 p.m. The cost is 3,000 yen for adults. Call 012-061-3737.

**Metropolitan Civic Art Festival:** Japan's National Noh Theatre is hosting this annual festival Feb. 19 beginning at 3:30 p.m. Performances include traditional Noh and Kyo-gen plays. The theater is located on the JR Yamanote Line's Sendagaya Station. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Call 035-925-3871.

## On base

### Movies

**Today** – *Yours, Mine, & Ours*, PG, 7 p.m.; *Grandma's Boy*, R, 9:30 p.m.

**Saturday** – *Chicken Little*, G, 2 p.m.; *Yours, Mine & Ours*, PG, 7 p.m.; *Grandma's Boy*, R, 9:30 p.m. (adults-only)

**Sunday** – *Chicken Little*, G, 2 p.m.; *Grandma's Boy*, R, 7 p.m.

**Monday** – *Grandma's Boy*, R, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday** – *Get Rich or Die Tryin*, R, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday** – *Grandma's Boy*, R, 7 p.m.

**Thursday** – *Get Rich or Die Tryin*, R, 7 p.m.

All movies and showtimes are subject to change without notice. Call 225-8708.

### Hours change

The pass and registration office has changed its hours to 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Air Force JROTC

The Air Force junior ROTC is opening 75 new units for the 2006-2007 school year. Positions are open for retired or soon to be retired officers and noncommissioned officers in high schools

across the United States. Call 1-866-235-7682 or visit <http://www.afots.af.mil/AFJROTC>.

### Housing inspections

The military family housing office conducts housing inspections weekly. Residents are responsible for raking up leaves within their area of responsibility, along with maintaining Air Force housing standards. Call 225-9099.

### Yokota Singles

All singles are invited to a free dinner and discussion beginning at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the building behind the Traditional Chapel. Singles are also invited to a free coffee and snack bar from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Friday located in the same building.

The Yokota Singles are also sponsoring a winter ski and snowboard retreat to the Megumi Chalet in Karuizawa from Feb. 24 to 26. The cost is \$75 for non-skiers and non-snowboarders, \$100 for skiers and snowboarders with their own equipment, and \$125 for skiers and snowboarders who need rentals. Call 225-7009 or e-mail [jj.gospel@gmail.com](mailto:jj.gospel@gmail.com).

### Basketweaving

The arts and crafts center is holding basketweaving classes Jan. 24, Feb. 7 and 21, and March 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$45 for three sessions and \$15 for materials. Call 225-9044.

### Tama Shuttle

The shuttle services traveling to Tama Hills has been stopped until further notice. Call 225-3308.

### Volunteers needed

The Family Support Center needs families to volunteer for the non-combatant exercise operations here Monday. Call 225-8725 for details.

### Satellite equipment

The base housing office is offering free AFN Direct-to-home

satellite equipment to active duty military and DoD civilians who live off-base. Call 225-6163.

### Self-help store

The Samurai Self-Help Store is open Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Auditions

Students ages seven to 18 are invited to an audition for the upcoming musical production of "Annie." Auditions are today from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Taiyo Recreation Center. E-mail [info@vivacejapan.org](mailto:info@vivacejapan.org).\*

The Yokota Players\* is holding auditions for "The Odd Couple" Jan. 27 from 8 to 10 p.m., and Jan. 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Family Support Center auditorium. Visit <http://faculty.ad.umuc.edu/brosser/yokotaplayerswebsite>.

### Free software

All active duty, National Guard, Reserve and retired military personnel in the U.S. military or Coast Guard can receive free SAT and ACT study software. Families only pay for shipping and handling. Visit <http://militaryhomefromt.dod.mil/>.

### Arts and crafts trips

The base arts and crafts center is hosting a trip to the Tokyo International Great Quilt Festival Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$26 for 13 years and older, and \$10 for 12 years and below.

The center is also taking a trip to the David Bull woodblock gallery for an exhibition and lecture Jan. 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 for ages 13 and older, and \$15 for ages four to 12. Call 225-9044.

### Family Advocacy

Family Advocacy offers numerous classes free of charge to the base community including: baby care basics, common-sense parenting, marital enrichment, parenting young children, anger management, single-parent support

## Samurai Warrior



## of the Week



**Capt. Paul Talley**

Capt. Paul Talley, 374th Medical Group, is this week's Samurai Warrior of the Week for exhibiting the qualities of self-control, sincerity and respect for one's word of honor, absolute loyalty to one's superior, and defending the honor of one's name and guild.

As executive officer, his diligent efforts helped eradicate late performance reports and decoration submissions to the wing and military personnel flight. His involvement in Air Force medical services award nominations packages resulted in 13 Pacific Air Force-level award winners. Captain Talley recently attended Expeditionary Medical Support Training at Brooks-City Base, Texas, where he demonstrated competence in three vital roles: critical care nurse, safety officer and infection control officer.

group, stress management, and more. Call 225-3648.

### Claims notice

Senior Airman Daniel Edgington recently passed away. Anyone with a claim for or against his estate must e-mail [abdol.hajiaghamohseni@yokota.af.mil](mailto:abdol.hajiaghamohseni@yokota.af.mil) or call 225-7672 by Jan. 31.

### Eagle 810 off-air

Eagle 810 is not available today, Monday through Jan. 27, and Jan. 30 and 31 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. due to scheduled maintenance. The radio station can only be heard via the cable system or satellite decoder.

### Off-base garbage

Off-base tenants cannot throw away their garbage on base. Military members residing off base could face military discipline if caught disposing of garbage on base. For more information or assistance with complying with off-base garbage procedures, call the base housing office at 225-9683.

### Chapel Schedule

**Traditional (West) Chapel**  
*Catholic:* Mass, Sundays at 9:15 a.m. and 5 p.m.

*Protestant:* Traditional service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Liturgical service Sundays at 12:30 p.m.; Seventh Day Adventists, Saturdays at 9 a.m.

**Contemporary (East) Chapel**  
*Protestant:* Gospel service, Sundays at 11 a.m.; Korean Service, Sundays at 2 p.m.; Contemporary service, Sundays at 5 p.m.  
Call 225-7009.

### Publicity

Private organizations and base units can have events and activities advertised by e-mailing: [afn.publicity@yokota.af.mil](mailto:afn.publicity@yokota.af.mil); [fuji.flyer@yokota.af.mil](mailto:fuji.flyer@yokota.af.mil); and [yokota.bulletin@yokota.af.mil](mailto:yokota.bulletin@yokota.af.mil).

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## “Quotes” & Things

*“Never worry about missing a field goal. Just blame the holder and think about kicking the next one.”*

**Lou Groza**

**Baseball:** The Yokota Hawks Baseball Club is holding tryouts for selected positions March 5 at 3:30 p.m. The tryouts are open to all community members and Japanese Nationals. Players must be over 18 years old and committed to play for the season. E-mail [dan.capps@gmail.com](mailto:dan.capps@gmail.com).

**Stingrays:** The Stingrays swim team needs volunteers to assist with its home meet at the Natatorium Feb. 18. Call 227-6696.

**Swimming:** The Natatorium is offering group swimming lessons Jan. 10 through 26 for six to eight year olds, and seven to 10 year olds. Call 225-6133.

**Circuit training:** The Main Fitness Center offers circuit training classes Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Call 225-6133.

**Outdoor Rec:** The Outdoor Recreation Center is offering numerous ski and snowboard trips in January and February. Call 225-4552 for details.

**Web site:** Get the latest sports schedules, standings and stats via the sports Web site: <http://www.allprosoftware.net/YAFB2005SOFTBALL/>. Call 225-8889 for more sports information.

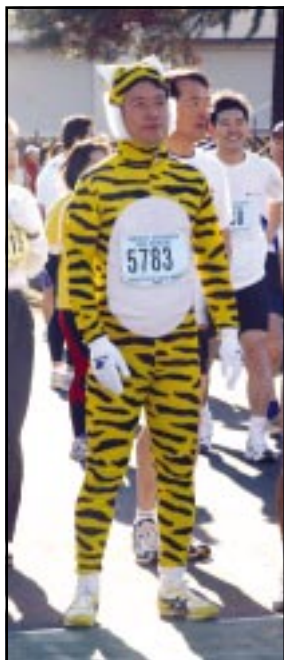
**Fuji Flyer:** Send sports briefs, stats, story and photo submissions to [fuji.flyer@yokota.af.mil](mailto:fuji.flyer@yokota.af.mil) or call 225-8833.



Above, participants take their first steps in the half-marathon race Sunday near Yokota High School. Right, hundreds of children from both on and off base begin the 2K children's race. Bottom left, Col. Scott Goodwin, 374th Airlift Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Cathy Barker, 374th AW command chief, talk with fellow half-marathon runners before the race start. Bottom right, costumes are a popular item during the Yokota Striders Club races held here. The club hosts two major events each year, and it donates a percentage of its profits to on-base causes including scholarships. For more information about the races, visit <http://www.yokostastriders.com>.



photos by Airman 1st Class Ladonnis Crump



The Yokota Striders running club held its 25th annual Frostbite road races Sunday.

More than 7,000 off-base citizens travelled to Yokota to participate in this year's festivities.

The following runners placed first in their age categories in the half-marathon:

**Yoichi Kono**, male 29 and under, 1:08:41.

**Hidehumi Takase**, male 30 to 39, 1:10:08.

**Kunio Hirose**, male 40 to 49, 1:14:42.

**Yasuhiro Matsuo**, male 50 to 59, 1:20:21.

**Toyonori Hukuoka**, male over 60, 1:22:25.

**Mitsuko Hirose**, female 30 to 39, 1:22:54.

**Mami Kudo**, female 40 to 49, 1:28:09.

**Kyoko Koide**, female 29 and under, 1:28:47.

**Takako Kato**, female over 50, 1:35:20.

The following runners placed first in their category for the 5K race:

**Takashi Nakata**, male 39 and under, 15:26.

**Akio Sasaki**, male over 40, 16:00.

**Mai Namiki**, female 39 and under, 18:05.

**Shizue Haruyama**, female over 40, 19:55.

The following children placed first in the 2K footrace:

**Kai Ito**, male, 6:37.

**Eri Hukasawa**, female, 7:49.

(Courtesy of Yokota Striders)

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